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**REPLY TO PAPER NO. 12 AND PETITION FOR
ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 (Paper No. 12) ("Office Action"), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is filed herewith extending the period for response through July 26, 2004 (July 24, 2004 falling on a Saturday). It is not believed that any further extensions of time are required other than those in the accompanying Petition. However, if extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Applicants believe that no further fees for net addition of claims are required at this time. Any fees required for further extensions of time and any fees for the net addition of claims are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 23-1951.